

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.  
CITY MANAGER



CITY OF WORCESTER

**ORDER FURTHER EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE BAN ON PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS ORDINANCE  
CHAPTER 8, SECTION 9D  
WORCESTER REVISED ORDINANCES 2008**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Governor Charles D. Baker, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, I, Edward M. Augustus, Jr., city manager of the city of Worcester, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the city charter to act as the chief conservator of the peace within the city, and pursuant to Article Seven, Section 8 of the Worcester Revised Ordinances 2015, Part Two, declared that a state of emergency exists in the entire city of Worcester due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2019, the Worcester City Council adopted Section 9D of Chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of 2018, an ordinance banning the use of certain plastic shopping bags (the “Ordinance”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance had an effective date of April 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, I issued an Order extending the effective date of the Ordinance to July 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020, the Massachusetts commissioner of public health issued an Order that included a suspension of all municipal ordinances and regulations banning single-use plastic bags until the state of emergency is terminated by the Governor or the commissioner rescinded her Order; and

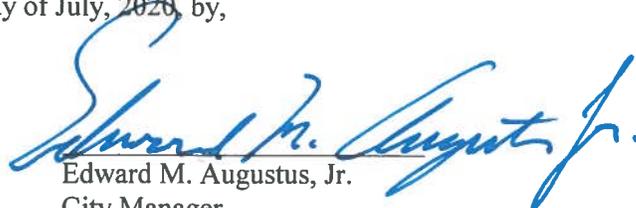
**WHEREAS**, on July 10, 2020, the commissioner rescinded her March 25, 2020 Order; and

**WHEREAS**, retailers require a transition period to discontinue their use of single-use plastic bags;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I hereby Order the following:

The new effective date of the Ordinance is hereby extended to September 1, 2020.

ORDERED at City Hall this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, by,

  
Edward M. Augustus, Jr.  
City Manager